

## General Information

### ABOUT THE OFFICE OF LOTTERY AND GAMING

Office of Lottery and Gaming (OLG), formerly the Office of Lottery and Charitable Games, regulates all aspects of licensed gaming activity in the District of Columbia, including the DC Lottery, charitable gaming and sports betting.

The OLG strives to regulate and operate in a manner that fosters public confidence and trust in the integrity of gaming operations in the District.

Act 22-594, the Sports Wagering Lottery Amendment Act of 2018, as amended by Act 23-2, was signed into law on January 23, 2019, and transmitted to the U.S. Congress for review on February 7, 2019. This legislation cleared congressional review and became law on May 3, 2019. The law legalized sports wagering in the District of Columbia and designated the OLG to assume two distinct roles in the District's sports betting offerings: regulator and operator.

The OLG regulates independent sports wagering operations throughout the District, licensing and monitoring these independent operators for compliance and collecting the 10 percent tax on operators' gross gaming revenue. The OLG, as the DC Lottery, is also an operator of sports wagering conducted through [GambetDC](#), a district-wide mobile app and website. The DC Lottery will also roll out a network of licensed retailer locations in Summer 2021.

#### SPORTS WAGERING LICENSING TYPES

License Category		Description	Initial License Fee	License Term
Operator	Class A	Sports wagering facilities located at Capital One Arena, Audi Field, Nationals Park, St. Elizabeths East Entertainment and Sports Arena.	\$500,000	5 Years
	Class A Joint Venture Certified by DSLBD	Sports wagering facilities located at Capital One Arena, Audi Field, Nationals Park, St. Elizabeths East Entertainment and Sports Arena and is a certified joint venture pursuant to the CBE act, where the joint venture has a CBE majority interest, and is also certified as either a Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE), or Resident-owned Business (ROB).	\$125,000	5 Years

	Class B	Individuals, group of individuals, or entities operating private sports wagering facilities. Sports wagering facility cannot be located within a 2-block zone of any Class A facility.	\$100,000	5 Years
	Class B Joint Venture Certified by DSLBD	Individuals, group of individuals, or entities operating private sports wagering facilities and is a certified joint venture pursuant to the CBE act, where the joint venture has a CBE majority interest, and is also certified as either a Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE), or Resident-owned Business (ROB).  Sports wagering facility cannot be located within a 2-block zone of any Class A facility.	\$25,000	5 Years
Management Services Provider		Individual, group of individuals or entity that contracts with an operator that manages sport wagering operations.	\$10,000	1 year
Sports Wagering Supplier		Individual, group of individuals, or entity that sells or leases sports wagering equipment, systems, or other gaming items necessary to conduct sports wagering.	\$10,000	1 year

## LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

There is a local business inclusion provision in the District's sports wagering statute that requires applicants for an Operator License (Class A and Class B) or a Management Services Provider License to demonstrate local business participation, as certified by the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD), before the OLG can issue a license.

Specifically, the OLG shall only issue an Operator License (Class A and Class B) or Management Services Provider License to applicants who meet the following local business requirements:

- (1) In conjunction with its application for license the applicant submits to DSLBD, for approval, a Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) plan that demonstrates that at least 35% of the Applicant's operating budget will be subcontracted with one or more CBEs; or
- (2) Is a certified joint venture pursuant to the CBE act, where the joint venture has a CBE majority interest, and is also certified as either a Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE), or Resident-owned Business (ROB); or
- (3) Obtains a waiver from DSLBD of the contracting or joint venture requirements of the CBE.

DSLBD will notify the OLG of the final disposition of all submitted joint venture certification requests or Certified Business Enterprise plans submitted for approval.

Questions about these requirements should be directed to DSLBD. The Department can be reached by email at: [cbe.info@dc.gov](mailto:cbe.info@dc.gov).

## **APPLYING FOR A LICENSE**

This information requested is required in the OLG's evaluation process. An applicant has ninety (90) days to complete its application. The OLG reserves the right, at any time, to request additional information it may consider necessary to conduct its evaluation. The evaluation will entail background investigations on the applicant, associates and key personnel with, including but not limited to, the following:

- (i) Law enforcement agencies.
- (ii) Gaming and/or casino regulatory bodies.
- (iii) Corporate and securities regulatory bodies.
- (iv) Revenue authorities and other relevant agencies.
- (v) Financial Institutions.

Accurate completion and timely submission of the application and supporting documents are essential for the OLG's evaluation of the application.

Any misrepresentation, failure to reveal information, failure to provide requested information or grant any authorization requested by the OLG may be taken as indication of a lack of suitability for the applicant to be granted a license or other authorization/approval.

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 22-2405, a person commits the offense of making false statements if that person willfully makes a false statement that is in fact material, in writing, directly or indirectly, to any instrumentality of the District of Columbia government, under circumstances in which the statement could reasonably be expected to be relied upon as true. Any person convicted of making false statements shall be fined not more than the amount set forth in D.C. Official Code § 22-3571.01 or imprisoned for not more than 180 days, or both.

## **PROVISIONAL LICENSES**

OLG may issue Provisional Sports Wagering Licenses to qualified applicants licensed in other "Office-approved gaming jurisdictions" to receive a provisional license while completing the necessary steps for a standard operational license. A Provisional Sports Wagering License may be issued in the following license categories: Operator, Management Service Provider and Supplier.

A Provisional Sports Wagering License shall be valid for a period of up to six (6) months. The Executive Director may extend the Provisional Sports Wagering License period upon a showing

of good cause. While operating under a Provisional Sports Wagering License, the licensee shall adhere to all applicable requirements. The applicant must complete the OLG's full sports wagering licensing applications and meet all requirements prior to being issued a standard sports wagering license. The initial standard license term of the applicant shall be reduced by the number of days the applicant held a Provisional Sports Wagering License.

For more information on sports wagering, lottery or charitable gaming in the District of Columbia, please visit [www.dclotterysportsbetting.com](http://www.dclotterysportsbetting.com).